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Please keep me posted on further developments. Thanks.

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Ray Leissner to: Jose Torres

12/15/2010 02:46 PM

Cc: Philip Dellinger, Stacey Dwyer, David Gillespie, Scott Ellinger

Jose,

Thanks for the update. I would be very interested to learn what was said, if anything, in reference to the numerous GW wells in and around the facility. Was there any debate about how this location with the surrounding wells meets their criteria for exemption? They must have an argument they are prepared to support for this issue or they would not authorized the permit. I'm curious as to how they addressed the issue.

Ray Leissner, Env. Eng. Ground Water / UIC Section (6WQ-SG) (214) 665 - 7183 USEPA, Region 6

The FIRST STEP in protecting your ground water is to have your well tested.

Jose Torres FYI. A word from Mr. Mark Krueger, a Victoria C... 12/15/2010 08:54:17 AM

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FYI. A word from Mr. Mark Krueger, a Victoria County resident who also might potentially be adversely impacted by the events near the south bank of the Fifteen Mile Creek.

JET

---- Forwarded by Jose Torres/R6/USEPA/US on 12/15/2010 08:49 AM -----

From: "Mark Krueger" <markkrueger@wildblue.net>

To: Jose Torres/R6/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 12/15/2010 07:19 AM Subject: TCEQ approves permit

Mr. Torres.

Quite some time has passed since we've spoken. I hope this transmission finds you well.

The TCEQ commissioners approved the UEC mining application yesterday, regardless of the findings of Administrative Law Judge Richard Wilfong in the Contested Case Hearing and the opinion of OPIC that this mining should not occur. The northwest fault adjacent to PAA1 shows transmissive traits by UEC's own pump test results, but the commissioners decided that this has no bearing whatsoever. ALJ Richard Wilfong found, by TCEQ geologist David Murry's own testimony, that vertical migration is apparent and requested another 24 hour pump test. This request was denied.

Before his motion to approve the permit, TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw cynically stated, "I'm going to have a drink...of WATER!" I'm not sure whether was comparing this drink of water to a drink of alcohol or if he was implying that we should all purchase bottled water in the future.

I must urge the close attention of EPA regarding this situation. Science carries very little weight at TCEQ, and this has become very evident. Mr. Shaw's motion was quite lengthy with specific dates and had obviously been prepared well in advance of this hearing.

Here is a link to the Victoria Advocate's story http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2010/dec/14/dw_tceq_uec_121510_122043/?business .

God Bless you and yours and may you have a wonderful Christmas.

Sincerely,

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